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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP

REFS: (A) GENEVA 6014; (B) GENEVA 6024

1. WE THINK U.S. REP SHOULD SEEK TO LIMIT MANAGEMENT
GROUP TO PROPOSED 15 MEMBERS. WE PLEASED IN THIS REGARD
WITH EC DECISION TO SEEK SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (REF. A, PARA
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2). ALTHOUGH WE AGREEABLE TO PRESENCE OF EC MEMBERS (SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE), WE THINK IT DAMAGING FOR EC TO INSIST ON NINE SEATS WITH PLACECARDS AT TABLE.

2. PRESUME PARA. 3, REF. A INTENDED TO READ AUSTRALIA/ NEW ZEALAND SINCE THIS WOULD MAKE TOTAL OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS, WHICH WAS PROPOSED AS IDEAL AND WHICH WE SUPPORT. IN THIS CONNECTION, AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND MIGHT USE ROTATIONAL SYSTEM ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD LEAVE DETAIL FOR THEM TO WORK OUT.

3. WE PRESUME INDIA WOULD GAIN ONE OF TWO ASIAN SEATS. WE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT EFFORT BY INDIA TO OBTAIN FULL MEMBERSHIP WOULD TRIGGER INNUMERABLE SIMILAR DEMANDS WHICH WOULD HAVE ULTIMATE EFFECT OF EXPANDING MANAGEMENT GROUP TO SIZE WHICH WOULD CURB POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS. SINCE LDC'S IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH CONCEPT OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP, WE BELIEVE ROTATIONAL SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE MOST LOGICAL APPROACH FOR THEM, LEAVING LDC GROUP TO WORK OUT DETAILS IN WAY WHICH WOULD PRESERVE INTENDED INTIMACY OF MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETINGS.

4. U.S. REP SHOULD CONTINUE OPPOSE PROPOSAL FOR EXTRA (SECOND) EAST EUROPEAN SEAT AS BEING WITHOUT MERIT GIVEN LIMITED TRADE AND MEMBERSHIP IN GATT.

5. WE PREFER MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY RE FREQUENCY OF #REGULAR" MEETINGS SINCE WE MAY WISH HOLD THEM WHENEVER URGENT TRADE PROBLEMS ARISE WITHOUT HAVIN8 TO LABEL SUCH MEETING AS EMERGENCY SESSIONS.

6. THOUGH WE WOULD NOT INSIST ON CHANGES, TEXT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE (REF. B, PARA. L) MIGHT BE IMPROVED BY FOLLOWING:

PARA B. THIS WOULD READ BETTER IF WORD "ACTIONS" WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR "DISTURBANCES" SO THAT SENTENCE WOULD BEGIN, "THE FORESTALLING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE OF ACTIONS WHICH REPRESENT A THREAT TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND...."

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PARA ON MEETINGS: WE WOULD LIKE THIS CHANGED TO READ, "THE GROUP SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AND SHALL HOLD FURTHER MEETINGS AS IT MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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